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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. YOU MAY HAVE NOTED POSSIBLE AMBIGUITY IN AUGUST 10 SOVIET STATEMENT ON TTBT. TEXT STATES THAT QUOTE NO EXPLOSIONS UNQUOTE OVER YIELD LIMIT OF TTBT WILL BE PERMITTED. SINCE DESIGNATION OF, AND DATA ON, WEAPONS TEST SITES WILL NOT BE EXCHANGED UNTIL TTBT RATIFICATION, ONE MIGHT VIEW SOVIET STATEMENT AS APPLYING TO BOTH PNE'S AND WEAPONS. OPINIONS OF TIMERBAYEV AND OTHERS ON THIS ISSUE WOULD BE USEFUL.

2. MULTI OFFICERS ATTENDED PENTAGON BRIEFING ON SOVIET CIVIL DEFENSE EFFORTS, AUGUST 13. STUDIES ARE VERY PRELIMINARY AT THIS POINT, AND WHILE THEY DO SHOW THAT SOVIETS ARE MAKING EFFORTS IN CIVIL DEFENSE AREA, NOT CLEAR HOW EXTENSIVE THEY ARE OR WHETHER THIS IS NEW UNDERTAKING OR ON-GOING ONE. AF HAS PROMISED TO SUPPLY SOV WITH MOCK-UP SHOWING EXTERNAL SHELTER CHARACTERISTICS TO ASSIST EMBASSY IN ITS REPORTING. WE WILL SEND THEM ON TO YOU WHEN RE-CONFIDENTIAL

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CEIVED. I SENSE THAT IN HANDLING REPORTING ON THIS SUB-

JECT WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL TO AVOID APPEARING TO BE
SIMPLY MARSHALLING EVIDENCE WHICH PROVES, AS MOST OF US
MAINTAIN, THAT THERE IS NO SERIOUS CD PROGRAM.

3. CABLE ANNOUNCING INSPECTION DATES WILL BE SENT
SHORTLY. THEY PLAN TO ARRIVE ABOUT SEPT 26 AND WILL STAY
INTO NOVEMBER. AT LEAST ONE WIFE WILL ACCOMPANY. LOOKING
INTO WHY YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED CHECKLISTS, ETC. KISSINGER

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